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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

9 ZEKERIJAH HADZIC,

10 Plaintiff

11 v.

12 KILOLO KIJAKAZI¹,
13 Acting Commissioner of Social Security,

14 Defendant
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Case No. 2:20-CV-00640-CKD

16 **STIPULATION AND**
ORDER FOR AWARD OF ATTORNEY'S
FEES UNDER THE EQUAL ACCESS TO
JUSTICE ACT (EAJA)

17 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED by and between the parties through their undersigned counsel,
18 subject to the approval of the Court, that Plaintiff shall be awarded attorney's fees under the Equal
19 Access to Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. sec. 2412(d), in the amount of ELEVEN THOUSAND
20 dollars and ZERO cents (\$11,000.00). This amount represents compensation for all legal services
21 rendered on behalf of Plaintiff by counsel in connection with this civil action, in accordance with 28
U.S.C. sec. 2412(d).

22 After the Court issues an order for payment of EAJA fees and expenses to Plaintiff, the
23 government will consider the matter of Plaintiff's assignment of EAJA fees and expenses to
24 Plaintiff's attorney. The government's ability to honor the assignment will depend on whether the
25 fees and expenses are subject to an offset allowed under the United States Department of the
26 Treasury's Offset Program pursuant to Astrue v. Ratcliff, 130 S.Ct. 2521 (2010). After the order of

27 1 Kilolo Kijakazi became the Acting Commissioner of Social Security on July 9, 2021. Pursuant to Rule 25(d)
28 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Kilolo Kijakazi should be substituted, therefore, for Andrew Saul as
the defendant in this suit. No further action need be taken to continue this suit by reason of the last
sentence of section 205(g) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 405(g).

1 EAJA fees and expenses is entered, the government will determine if they are subject to an offset. If
2 it is determined that Plaintiff's EAJA fees and expenses are not subject to an offset under Astrue v.
3 Ratcliff, 130 S.Ct. 2521 (2010) and the Department of Treasury's Offset Program, then the check for
4 EAJA fees and expenses shall be made payable to Jacqueline A. Forslund, based upon Plaintiff's
5 assignment of these amounts to Plaintiff's attorney. The parties agree that whether these checks are
6 made payable to Plaintiff or Jacqueline A. Forslund, such checks shall be mailed to Plaintiff's
7 attorney. This stipulation constitutes a compromise settlement of Plaintiff's request for EAJA
8 attorney fees, and does not constitute an admission of liability on the part of Defendant under the
9 EAJA or otherwise. Payment of the agreed amount shall constitute a complete release from, and bar
10 to, any and all claims that Plaintiff and/or Plaintiff's Counsel may have relating to EAJA attorney
11 fees in connection with this action.

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13 Respectfully submitted,

14 Date: October 13, 2021

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Attorney at Law

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16 /s/Jacqueline A. Forslund
17 JACQUELINE A. FORSLUND
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1 Date: October 13, 2021

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6 ABILLA
Special Assistant United States Attorney
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Attorney for Defendant
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11 ORDER

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13 APPROVED AND SO ORDERED.

14 Dated: October 15, 2021

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16 CAROLYN K. DELANEY
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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